

AGENDA



Thursday, November 20, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 7

Subject: Authorize the acquisition for the Tuscany/Ferguson (Sprinkle Cutoff to Tuscany Way) Project for right of way of 244,676.5 square feet, drainage easements of 101,074 square feet and temporary working space easement of 3,245 square feet of land out of the John Applegate Survey, A-29 and the H. T. Davis Survey, A-214, in Travis County, Texas, located at Ferguson Lane and Sprinkle Road, from ABGN CORPORATION, Austin, Travis, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$785,070.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$785,070 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of Public Works.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Prior Council Action: February 7, 2002 – Council approved an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 010910-02 the 2001-2002 Capital Budget of the Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department by appropriating \$781,020 for a new project, Tuscany Way Street Improvements; February 7, 2002 – Council authorized negotiation and agreement with Travis County for Tuscany Way Construction; August 23, 2007 – Council adopted a resolution approving recommendations for transportation improvement projects funded by the 2000 Transportation Bond Program.

The City of Austin and Travis County entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement dated March 4, 2002 and amended by Interlocal Cooperation Agreement dated December 11, 2007, agreeing to extend Tuscany Way from Ferguson Lane at Sprinkle Road to Exchange Drive, making a continuous connection from Ferguson Road to US 290 E. This connection will provide an alternative route for traffic wanting to go north and south across US 290 E without having to go through the Walnut Place neighborhood on Springdale Road.

The design plans for the Tuscany/Ferguson (Sprinkle Cutoff to Tuscany Way) Project require the acquisition of a right of way of 244,676.5 square feet, drainage easements of 101,074 square feet and temporary working space easement of 3,245 square feet of land across property located at Ferguson Lane and Sprinkle Road, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

An independent third party appraisal has established the fair-market value of the proposed right of way and easements at \$785,070. The owners have agreed to accept the City of Austin's offer for the right of way, drainage easements and temporary working space easement.